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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 1, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2009, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until July 1, 2009.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months until October 1, 2009, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the appropriate government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or any fees are needed to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant reply with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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